PROPOSALS

By way of

CONTRIBUTION,

For Writing

A Natural History

OF

YORKSHIRE.

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First of all, The Author proposes to take into Consideration the disposition of the Heavens, and Temperature of the Air in respect to the various Changes and Alterations therein; and first the Longitude and Latitude of the Country shall be reckoned in respect of *London*; likewise the usual salubrity or insalubrity of the Air, and with what constitutions it agrees better or worse than others.

2*dly*, The water will be considered, as First Rivers with their Bigness, Course and Inundasions, with all the different species of Plants, Insects and Fishes, that are to be found in them: Likewise Lakes, Ponds, Springs; and especially Mineral-waters, as of what Medicinal use they are of, what sorts of Earth they run through; their Kinds, Qualities and Vertues, and how examined.

3*dly*, The Earth shall be observed, and first in its self, as to its Dimentions, Situation, Figure, or the like, its plain Hills or Valleys, with the several kind of Soyls, that are there; as of Clay, Sand, Gravel, *&c.* what are its Products as to Minerals, Vegetables, or Animals; Moreover, how all or any of these are, or may be further improved for the benefit of Man. Then 2*dly*, The Inhabitants themselves will be consider'd, that have been long setled there, particularly as to their Ingenuity, Diet, Inclinations, *&c.* whith what Improvements of Arts have been made in those parts of late years: And further, the Products of the Earth will be more nicely examined, with all the Pecularities observable therein; as Plants, Trees,

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